PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE REPRESENTATIVE BODY.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

SECOND MEETING.

Wednesday the 24th March 1948/11th Meenam 1123.

The Representative Body met in the Legislative Chamber, Trivandrum, at eleven of the clock on wednesday, the 24th March 1948/11th Meenam 1123, the President (the Hon'ble Mr. A. J. John,) in the Chair.

TAKING OF OATH BY MEMBERS AND SIGNING OF REGISTER.

The following members took the oath and signed the Register:

TAMIL NAD CONGRESS PARTY.

1. Mr. A. Nesamony (*Vilavancode—S. I. U. C. Reserved*)
2. „ K. Sivarama Pillai (*Thovala—General.*)
3. „ D. Gnanasigamoni (*Kalkulam II—General*)
4. „ P. Thanulingom Nadar (*Agasteeswaram—Hindu Nadar Reserved.*)
5. „ T. Kochukrishna Pillai (*Kalkulam I—General.*)
6. „ S. Ambrose (*Agasteeswaram—Latin Catholic Reserved.*)
7. „ A. Chidambaranatha Nadar (*Kalkulam II—Hindu Nadar Reserved.*)
8. „ Chellaswami Nadar (*Vilavancode—Hindu Nadar Reserved.*)
9. Sree V. Das (*Kalkulam I—Hindu Nadar Reserved.*)
10. Mr. Elias (Mary Antony) (*Kalkulam I—Latin Catholic Reserved.*)
11. „ D. Ponniah (*Agasteeswaram—Paraya Reserved*)
12. „ Gabriel Nadar (*Vilavancode—Latin Catholic Reserved.*)
13. „ K. Raman Pillai (*Agasteeswaram—General.*)
14. „ Sadasivan (*Vilavancode—General.*)

MESSAGES.

MR. PRESIDENT: I am really happy to announce that I have received messages from Honourable Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Honourable Vallabhai Patel and Honourable Dr. Rajendra Prasad. These are the messages.

Wardha, 23-3-1948.

A. J. John, President Representative Assembly Trivandrum. Please accept congratulations on unanimous election as President stop Hope Your Assembly will frame constitution which will not only meet the wishes and consent of the people of the State but will also ensure justice liberty equality and fraternity and lead to the progress and prosperity of all.

RAJENDRAPRASAD.

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New Delhi, 22-3-1948.

John President Constituent Assembly Trivandrum. Many thanks your telegram of 21st stop please convey my best wishes for the success of the constitution making body in evolving a constitution suited to the traditions and democratic instincts of Travancoreans stop Amongst Indian States Travancore has always been in the vanguard of progress stop May the constitution which the best elements in its political life will fashion serve as a model to other sister States and may wisdom and statesmanship guide its deliberations.

VALLABHAI.

New Delhi, 22-3-1948.

A. J. John, President Constitution Making Body, Trivandrum. Following from Jawaharlal Nehru stop I send my goodwishes to you as President and through you to the Travancore Constitution Making Body at the beginning of its labours which I earnestly trust will result in a constitution ensuring freedom—Foreign No. Primin 994.

FELICITATING THE PRESIDENT.

MR. A. NESAMONY (*Vilavancode—S. I. U. C. Reserved*): [illegible]

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: (*Chirayinkil I—General*): Sir, on a point of order. At the outset I want to tell the House that I am very happy to see the Honourable Members returned from South Travancore in this House. I am happier still that they are in a mood to felicitate the President of this House. But Sir, the question that arises for the consideration of this House is this. The President of this House was elected three days back. He has been felicitated by Members representing different groups who were present here on the day of his election, and the President made suitable reply. Then after passing over the business of the day two Resolutions were also passed by the House. Therefore the question is, because some Honourable Members chose to be absent on that day whether they can be allowed to utilise today to follow the trend of discussions that took place three days back. I am anxious over this Sir, because, if it is allowed, it will create a precedent here. Therefore, Sir, a ruling from the Chair is necessary on the question whether some Members who absented themselves on a day could be given another opportunity to discuss a matter that has been discussed and closed on that day.

MR. P. BALAKRISHNAN TAMPI (*Mavelikara III—General*): Sir, on another point of order. Can a speech be made in raising a point of order?

MR. PRESIDENT: Till the rules are definitely framed on this question I would allow the Honourable Member to make a speech.

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